

SENATE BILL 323

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ENROLLED BILL

-- Economic and Environmental Affairs/Environmental Matters --

Introduced by **Senators Harris, Jacobs, Dyson, Hooper, McCabe, and Conway**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this
____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, ____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Right to Know – Air Quality Health Disclosure Information**
3 **Ambient Air Monitoring Data - Public Access**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment, on and after a
5 certain date, to provide the public with access to all ambient air monitoring data
6 through the Internet; authorizing certain data to be provided in a certain form
7 and requiring that the data include, at a minimum, all validated air monitoring
8 data obtained during the current and previous calendar year ~~for the 2 most~~
9 ~~recent years for which data are available~~; defining a certain term; and generally
10 relating to public access to certain ambient air monitoring data requiring certain
11 air monitoring data to be made publicly available in a certain manner by a
12 certain date on or before a certain date and each year thereafter; allowing the
13 data to be presented in a certain form; defining a term; and generally relating to
14 air quality and information access.

15 ~~BY~~ repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
16 Article Environment

1 Section 1-101(a) and (d)
 2 Annotated Code of Maryland
 3 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

4 BY adding to
 5 Article - Environment
 6 Section 2-103.2
 7 Annotated Code of Maryland
 8 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
 10 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

11 **Article - Environment**

12 ~~1-101.~~

13 (a) ~~In this article the following words have the meanings indicated.~~

14 (d) ~~"Department" means the Department of the Environment.~~

15 2-103.2.

16 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "AMBIENT AIR MONITORING DATA" MEANS MEASURED
 17 CONCENTRATIONS OF AIR POLLUTANTS, INCLUDING AIR POLLUTANTS FOR WHICH
 18 THERE ARE NO ESTABLISHED AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS OR EMISSION
 19 STANDARDS, OBTAINED FROM ANY AN AMBIENT AIR MONITORING STATION
 20 MONITOR ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

21 (B) ON ~~AND AFTER~~ OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2000 AND EACH YEAR
 22 THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE PUBLIC ACCESS TO ALL AMBIENT
 23 AIR MONITORING DATA IN THE STATE THROUGH THE INTERNET.

24 (C) ~~AMBIENT AIR MONITORING DATA THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDES IN~~
 25 ~~ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION MAY BE IN SUMMARY FORM~~
 26 ~~AND SHALL INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM, ALL VALIDATED AMBIENT AIR MONITORING~~
 27 ~~DATA THE DEPARTMENT OBTAINS DURING EACH CURRENT AND PREVIOUS~~
 28 ~~CALENDAR YEAR FOR THE 2 MOST RECENT CALENDAR YEARS FOR WHICH DATA ARE~~
 29 ~~AVAILABLE.~~

30 (C) AMBIENT AIR MONITORING DATA PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION:

31 (1) MAY BE IN SUMMARY FORM; AND

32 (2) SHALL INCLUDE ALL VALIDATED AMBIENT AIR MONITORING DATA
 33 FOR THE 2 MOST RECENT CALENDAR YEARS FOR WHICH DATA ARE AVAILABLE.

34 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
 35 October 1, 1999.

